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ZINA HOSTS CNF IN ZIMBABWE

The Zimbabwe Nurses Association (ZINA) and CNF Honorary Treasurer, Angela Neuhaus, hosted Jill Iliffe in a recent visit to Zimbabwe to plan CNF activities in Zimbabwe later this year. ZINA was proudly displayed their recently purchased bus which will enable them to visit rural regions of Zimbabwe to meet with nurses and provide education, training and support.

The CNF was also privileged to visit the Chitungwiza Central Hospital and see first-hand the wonderful work being accomplished by the CEO, Dr Obadiah Moyo and DON, Ms Miriam Mangeya, to rebuild the hospital into a centre of excellence for the local community. The CNF was welcomed to the hospital by student nurses and two nurses who presented at the Inaugural Commonwealth Nurses Conference in London March 2012, Ms Unice Goshomi and Mr Pisirai Ndarukwa. The CNF plans to conduct workshops at Chitungwiza Hospital later this year.

MARGARET BRAYTON CELEBRATES HER 93rd BIRTHDAY

Margaret Brayton was the first Executive Secretary of the Commonwealth Nurses Federation. Miss Brayton commenced with the CNF on the 1st January 1973 and held the position for twenty years until 1993. Prior to taking up her appointment with the CNF, Miss Brayton was Regional Nursing Officer of the South Eastern Regional Hospital Board in Scotland for 13 years. Miss Brayton was a wonderful ambassador for nursing and for the CNF and made a significant contribution to establishing national nursing associations in many Commonwealth countries and to ensuring the CNF was established on firm foundations and sound principles. She made many, many friends within the Commonwealth during her tenure as Executive Secretary of the CNF and was active in Commonwealth circles until well into her 80’s. Margaret now resides in a nursing home where she recently celebrated her 93rd birthday. If any of Margaret’s old friends would like to write to her, please contact me for her contact details (jill@commonwealthnurses.org).

With Maura Buchanan former President of the Royal College of Nursing

With Maura, Dorothy Turner (Nurses Association of Jamaica UK) and Betty Why (Association of Guyanese Nurses and Allied Professionals UK)
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO NURSE OF THE YEAR

Mrs Marion Barzey-Tuitt was named Trinidad and Tobago ‘Nurse of the Year’ at a ceremony on 2 June 2012 which marked the 82nd anniversary of the Trinidad and Tobago Registered Nurses Association (TTRNA). Mrs Barzey-Tuitt is a registered nurse, licensed midwife, critical care and dialysis nurse, chronic non-communicable disease nurse educator, Manager of the Community Liaison Unit of the South West Regional Health Authority and adult literacy tutor as well as being a member of TTRNA for the past 35 years. Her citation states that Mrs Barzey-Tuitt … has developed a high level of expertise in the areas of intensive care, renal dialyses, renal transplant nursing, and diabetes care and counselling; she demonstrates excellent client and nurse relationship techniques in meeting and achieving identified client care goals; and she is an advocate for client rights and supporter of nursing research. Congratulations Marion.

MAKING SENSE OF PATIENT SAFETY

The Royal College of Nursing UK has recently released a new online learning tool: ‘Making sense of patient safety’. Regardless of what position you hold in an organisation, patient safety should be - must be - the first concern. Yet despite this, thousands of patients every year are harmed in health care settings as a result of unintended or unexpected incidents. These incidents have many causes - some are down to poor systems or individual actions (or lack of action), while others will reflect failures at every level of the organisation or health care system. But the vast majority will have been preventable. The online learning resource has been developed to help nurses to understand the role they and their colleagues in the nursing team can play in protecting patients from harm and avoiding preventable incidents or accidents. The resource is free and you do not have to be a member of the RCN to access it. Go to: http://www.rcn.org.uk/development/practice/cpd_online_learning.

10th SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE
Port Louis Mauritius 5-7 September 2012
Acceleration toward attainment of Millennium Development Goals through revitalizing primary health care: nurses and midwives sharing high impact interventions.
http://www.ecsahc.org

16th South Pacific Nurses Forum
The future of nursing and midwifery: where are we heading?
Monday 19 - Thursday 22 November 2012
Leonda By The Yarra Hawthorn, Victoria, Australia
For more information go to: http://www.spnf.org.au

10th CNF Europe Region Conference
Advancing nursing and midwifery through evidence based practice
15-16 March 2013 Larnaca Cyprus
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
Closing date for abstracts: Friday 14 December 2012
For more information go to: http://www.cyna.org;

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